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DATA SHEET FOR UPPER VOLTA FOLLOWS:

I. A. ECONOMIC PROFILE. POPLUATION. THE POPULATION IS
6.2 MILLION. GROWTH RATE IS 2.2 PERCENT. NUMBER OF BIRTHS
ANNUALLY IS 48.5 PER THOUSAND POPULATION.
INCOME: FOR 1976, PER CAPITA INCOME WAS U.S. \$110. FOR
PERIOD 1967-1975, WORLD BANK FUGURES SHOW REAL GNP GREW
OF AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF 2.5 PERCENT ONLY SLIGHTLY
FASTER THAN POPULATION GROWTH. REAL PER CAPITA INCOME AS A
CONSEQUENCE HAS REMAINED VIRTUALLY STAGNANT. IN THE 1979 CP,
USAID REPORTS A SLIGHT DECLINE IN PER CAPIITAL GNP, .5 PERCENT
FOR PERIOD 1965-74.
GROWTH RATE: REAL GNP DECLINED SLIGHTLY DURING 1970-73
DUE TO SUBSTANTIAL DECLINES IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR
BECAUSE OF THE DROUGHT IN THE 1973-75 PERIOD
WORLD BANK ESTIMATES REAL GNP GREW AT 7.5 TO 8 PERCENT
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ANNUALLY. FOR THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD 1970-75,
REAL GNP IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE GROWN AT 3 PERCENT ANNUALLY.
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS: THE CURRENT ACCOUNT TRADE BALANCE
IS NEGATIVE AND HAS CONTINUED TO DETERIORATE IN RECENT
YEARS FOLLOWING WORLD WIDE INFLATION OF THE COSTS OF
IMPORTED GOODS COUPLED WITH SOME DECLINES IN
AGRICULTURE DUE TO THE SAHELIAN DROUGHT. THE TRADE

ACCOUNT DEBIT BLANACE HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN COMPENSATED BY VOLTAN WORKERS' REMITTANCES, INCLUDING VETERANS PENSIONS FROM FRANCE, AND BY FOREIGN AID GRANTS. THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT, WHILE SMALL, IS POSITIVE AND REFLECTS MODEST FOREIGN INVESTMENT, PRINCIPALLY FRENCH, AND SMALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CAPITAL INFLOWS. THE OVERALL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS HAS USUALLY SHOWN A SLIGHT POSITIVE BALANCE OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS. TRADE: MAJOR EXPORTS ARE LIVESTOCK, 40PERCENT; COTTON, 20 PERCENT; GROUNDNUTS, 15 PERCENT; OTHERS (BEVERBOES, TOBACCO, HANDICRAFTS, VEGETABLES, ETC.), 25 PERCENT. IMPORTS FROM U.S. CO CONSITUTUE LESS THAN 107(PERCENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS. EXPORTS TO U.S. ARE NIL. LITERACY RATE IS 5-10 PERCENT. LIFE EXPECTANCY IS 38.0 YEARS. PEOPLE PER DOCTOR IS 59,570. NUTRITION. CALARY INTAKE AS PERCENT OF REQUIREMENTS IS 78.0 PERCENT

IB. POLITICAL SITUATION

UPPER VOLTA IS CURRENTLY IN TRANSITION FROM AMILITARY GOVERNMENT TO AN ELECTED CONSITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. SEVEN PARTIES ARE COMPETING FREELY IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION TO BE HELD APRIL 30. THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WILL BEHELD MAY 14, 1978. THE GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM UNDER THE NEW CONSTITUTION WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE PRESENT FRENCH SYSTEM, WITH AN ELECTED PRESIDENT WHO APPOINTS A PRIME MINISTER WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE CONSENT OF PARLIAMENT.

IC. HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS.

UPPER VOLTA HAS A FREE PRIVATE PRESS, UNFETTERED TRADE UNIONS, AND NO POLITICAL PRISONERS, HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS ARE VERY POLITIVE.

II. US INTEREST AND POLICIES

A. POLITICAL. US POLITICIAL INTERESTS ARE CENTERED ON ENCOURAGING THE PROCESSING OF RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTED GOVERNMENT. ALSO THE U.S. SOLICITS VOLTAN GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF AMERICAN POSITIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES.

II. B. US SECURITY INTERESTS IN UPPER VOLTA ARE MODEST INDEED AND CONSIST MAINLY IN GENTLY ENCOURAGING THE VOLTAN TENDENCY TO SIDE WITH OTHER MODERATE AFRICAN STATES IN OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF SOVIET AND CUBAN INFLUENCE.

II C. ECONOMIC: EXPORTS TO U.S. ARE NIL. IMPORTS FROM U.S. (1976) WERE US 12 MILLION OR ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF ALL IMPORTS. THERE ARE NO CRITICAL IMPORTS.

US. OWNED INVESTMENTS AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN UPPER
VOLTA ARE NIL.

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III.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

A. US BILATERAL, US DOLLARS, MILLIONS

	H	BR	1977	1978	1979(EST)
TOTALS			8.2	6.8	12.2
DEVELOPMENT				0.9	4.0 9.4
PL 480 ;DOES NOT INCLUDE EMERG-					
ENCY FOOD RELIEF				7.3	2.8 3.8
IN 78 AND 79 FIGURES)					
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B. IFI

IFI COMMITMENTS TOTAL APPROXIMATELY US \$110,000,000
PRINCIPALLY IDA,WHOSE TITAL COMMITMENTS TO UV STAND
AT USHHDIT MILLION AT THE END OF OCTOBER 1977. OTHER
IFI'S INCLUDE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT BANKS AND
SEPCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN WHICH ARAB DONORS ARE
TAKING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE.

C. OTHER DONORS

THE PRINCIPAL OTHER FOREIGN DONORS ARE FRANCE, GERMANY,
CANADA, NETHERLANDS,UNDP, AND FEB. EXCLUDING USG, IFI'S
AND NON FOOD AID,THE GOUV ESTIMATES OTHER DONOR AID
FOR 1972-76 CAME TO APPROXIMATELY US \$300 MILLION.

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ABOUT ONE THIRD OF OTHER DONOR ASSISTANCES COMES FROM FRANCE.

IV. OBJECTIVES OF US ASSISTANCE

A. DEVELOPMENT AID:

THE SAHELIAN DROUGHT (1967-73) FOCUSED WORLD ATTENTION ON SAHELIAN COUNTRIES' DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. US ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO UPPER VOLTA BEGAN IN 1973 WITH EMERGENCY FOOD SHIPMENTS AND SHORT TERM RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION PROJECTS INTENDED TO RELIEVE THE MORE IMMEDIATE EFFECTS OF THE DROUGHT. BEGINNING IN 1974, US ASSISTANCE STRATEGY BEGAN TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT LONGER TERM DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS. THE BASIC LONGER TERM OBJECTIVE IS TO ASSIST THE GOV TO ATTAIN ITS GOALS OF FOOD SELF SUFFICIENCY THROUGH PROJECTS TO INCREASE CEREAL AND LIVE-STOCK PRODUCTION, RESETTLE FERTILE RIVER VALLEYS, SELECT, TRAIN AND DEVELOP HUMAN RESOURCES, AND DEVELOP NEW VILLAGE-LEVEL TECHNOLOGIES.

ON - GOING PROJECTS INCLUDE NA INTEGRATED RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT EFFORT IN THE EASTERN PART OF UPPER VOLTA; A 159 KILOMETER FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN EASTERN UPPER VOLTA; A NATIONAL SEED SERVICE HAS BEEN CREATED AND IS INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF IMPROVED SEEDS; PILOT ACTIVITIES ARE UNDERWAY TO IMPROVE LIVESTOCK PROMOTION; THREE ACCELERATED IMPACT PROJECTS (AIP) HAVE BEEN INITIATED IN RURAL HEALTH, AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS AND FISH FARMING; A PROGRAM HAS BEGUN TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT.

ALTHOUGH RESULTS TO DATE HAVE BEEN POSITIVE, THEY HAVE BEEN MODEST IN RELATION TO NEEDS BECAUSE OF THE SMALL SCALE OF THE INITIAL PROGRAMS AND THE SHORT TIME PROJECTS HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY.

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THE FUTURE OBJECTIVE OF THE U.S. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO DIRECT US RESOURCES TO THE RURAL POOR IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE. MOST PROJECT DESIGN STATE OR SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND BASIC CONSTRAINTS TO PRODUCTION, LAYING A BASE FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE FOOD SUPPLY.

B. PL-480 CURRENT OBJECTIVES:

PL-480, TITLE II, ASSISTANCE OPERATES IN UPPER VOLTA. THE FOOD PROGRAM PROVIDES COMMODITIES FOR MATERNAL-CHILD CARE, PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS, AND NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

FOR 80,000 WOMEN OF CHILD-BEARING AGE; A SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM
FOR 80,000 CHILDREN SIX YEARS AND OLDER; AND FOOD-FOR-
WORK PROJECT WITH A MONTHLY FOOD RATION SUSTAINING
12,000 WOTHERWISE UNDEREMPLOYED WORKERS. IN TOTAL,
APPROXIMATELY 172,000 PERSONS RECEIVE PROGRAMMED
TITLE II ASSISTANCE. IN ADDITION UPPER VOLTA
RECEIVED EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF BECAUSE OF DROUGHT CON-
DITONS. THE DOLLAR VALUE ON THIS EMERGENCY PROGRAM IS
KTN#KNOWN AND IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PL-480 FIGURES
GIVEN ABOVE.
C. SA-CURRENT OBJECTIVES: NOT APPLICABLE. GRAHAM

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